

Our Young People

Give Us Men!

Give us men!

Men—from every rank,
Fresh and free and frank;
Men of thought and reading,
Men of light and leading,
Men of loyal breeding,
Men of faith and not of faction,
Men of lofty aim in action;

Give us men—I say again,
Give us men!

Give us men!

Strong and stalwart ones;
Men whom highest hope inspires,
Men whom purest honor fires,
Men who trample self beneath them,
Men who make their country wreath them
As her noble sons,
Worthy of their sires!

Men who never shame their mothers,
Men who never fail their brothers,
True, however false are others;

Give us men—I say again,
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Men who, when the tempest gathers,
Grasp the standard of their fathers
In the thickest fight;
Men who strike for home and altar
(Let the coward cringe and falter,)
God defend the right!
True as truth, though lorn and lonely,
Tender—as the brave are only;
Men who tread where saints have trod,
Men for country and for God;
Give us men! I say again, again,
Give us such men!

—Bishop of Exeter.

WHERE AM I GOING?

Ps. 119: 57-64

Topic for Jan. 15.

It is very evident that we are all going somewhere. Where we shall land, it is also very evident, depends very much upon the direction we are going. The direction we shall go in our last days depends very much upon the direction we are going now, for habit leads in a straight path and the longer we tread in it the harder it is to turn aside from it.

Here is the truth that makes this lesson of tremendous importance. Young people say, "I am not going to be lost. I am not so very bad. I only like to have a little fun now and then." Alas for you! That desire for worldly, selfish dissipation grows like a fire upon what it feeds upon and the occasional indulgence which you now excuse indicates the direction of the current which in time will lead you into the great maelstrom of vice. It is not a question so much of how far you have gone but of what direction you are going.

Soul tendencies crystallize and by and by you may with bitter tears seek a place of repentance like Esau but your heritage of strength and character and influence will have been dissipated and you will have before you remorse and the grave. Mercy may still overtake you but O, how infinitely better it is for you to travel hand in hand with hope, up the hill of grace keeping the narrow path of life till it lead you thro the portal of eternity into the home of everlasting love. God help us to pause and take our bearings and having made sure we are right go on and on and on.

SCRIPTURE HELP

- 1 The two ways, Matt. 7: 13, 14.
- 2 The true way, John 14: 1-7.
- 3 A plain way, Isa. 35: 8.
- 4 The way of truth, Ps. 119: 30.
- 5 The way of obedience, Ps. 119: 32, 33.
- 6 He knoweth the way, Job 23: 10.
- 7 He preserveth our way, Prov. 2: 8.

and labor, but it is remarkable for a certain straightforward aim. The age that built the pyramids was a working age but was not a practical age. All our work is practical today. All the forces of nature are harnessed for practical purposes and practical results. The Sunday-school of our time, if it is to reach the people, must not spend much of her time of the precious half hour in the investigation of mere questions of curiosity. We must not spend fifteen minutes on the kind of clothing Elijah wore and three minutes on the characteristics of the prophet. Its time must be spent in practical thought for the doing of good to men. I believe that never before in all its history has the Sunday-school been as earnest in its effort to do good, to make people better, than it is today.

Again this is an intellectual age, such an age as the world has never seen before. The Sunday-school to keep abreast of the age must have intellectual teaching. We need Sunday school workers before whose eyes the Bible rolls like a great panorama. We need teachers who are more familiar with the Bible. There is one more thought in this connection. We believe this an age of deep interest in spiritual things. In every direction we see a disposition to investigate all sorts of truth. So long as the secret of the pole is unknown men will risk their lives until the secret is found out. So long as upon our maps there remains one square inch marked unexplored we shall find men penetrating it until every secret is known. Is it so in religion. There is not so much stress laid upon formalities. The life of God in the soul of man is now considered the essence of Christianity. This is what the world hungers for. Sunday-school teachers while you teach Bible history, while you give the boys examples of those magnificent men from Abraham to St. John remember that this world hungers far more than for anything else the things of God. This is the teaching a Sunday-school needs to make the work efficient and effective in times as these. A teaching of broad and deep sympathy with humanity, a teaching of lofty intelligence and deep knowledge, a teaching of practical truth, a teaching of deep spirituality. If we can have this for the twelve million scholars of today, we shall have a land glorious and a church without fault in the twentieth century. Let us become more and more efficient in our Sunday-school work. Let us shake off false methods, correct past mistakes, eagerly move forward nor rest until we reach every possible attainment, so that they may be worthy of the name of training schools for Christ.

Jesus Christ is the true centre of gravity; and it is only as the forces of humanity are pivoted on him that they are in balance.—
George Boardman.

No man can be provident of his time who is not prudent in the choice of his company.—
Taylor.

- 8 How we may find the way, Ps. 25: 9.
- 9 How we may keep the way, Ps. 119: 9.
- 10 A bad by way, Ps. 119: 29; Prov. 15: 19.
- 11 A hard way, Prov. 13: 10.
- 12 The dark way, Prov. 4: 19.
- 13 The way of delusion, Prov. 14: 12.
- 14 The end of the evil way, Ps. 146: 7.
- 15 How get out of it, Isa. 48: 15.
- 16 Helps for the way—a lamp, Ps. 119: 105.
- 17 A staff Ps. 23: 4.
- 18 A helper. Matt. 28: 20.

QUESTIONS

- 1 How may we know where we are going?
- 2 How can we tell our direction from our companions? from our pleasures?
- 3 How can we tell where we are going by the way we use our money? our time?
- 4 What are some dangerous by ways and how avoid them?
- 5 What must we do when we find we are wrong?
- 6 How may we keep in the right way?
- 7 For everybody: Which way do you want to go and why?

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Our Bible School

The Wonders of the Bible

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It is the wonder of the Bible that you never get through it. You get through all other books, but you never get through the Bible. I have preached twenty five volumes of sermons upon this book and now that I have written the very last word, what is my feeling? I ought to have some feeling about it. Why this, that I have not begun it yet. No other book could offer such infinite variety of material as offered by the Bible.

Now, when a man is instructed on the kingdom of heaven, when a preacher or a man of great social standing has a revelation communicated to him, it is with the divine intention that it should be passed on to the next man. I must not say, that God has given me this and I am going to keep it wholly to myself. I can not. In all God's revelations I hear the great command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." It was meant for the next man, the next parish, until all the world has heard the music that was lavished on me.

Now the only man who can expound his own book is the Saviour. He only knows what is in Moses and the prophets and psalms concerning Himself. He expounded to them Moses and the prophets and psalms right up to His own self.

Now I want him to talk with me in that way. His ascension is His nearness to me; He is now more on earth because He is only in heaven. It is a curious revelation, but there is nothing paradoxical in it. He went up that He might come down. What I want is to have my own Bible, my own little personal Bible, as it were, and to sit alone and say to Jesus: "Now what does this mean?" and he will tell me. We can have fine times together, great merriments and jollities, and the sound of trumpets and shawms.

Then the Bible becomes a new book; He expounds it to me when we are alone; no noise of the market place, no roar of the bitter north wind, but a great unspeakable peace.